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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. MOROCCO SEES ICJ DECISION AS FINAL VERDICT

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY RABAT THE MOROCCANS INTERPRET THE ICJ
DECISION AS A VICTORY FOR THEIR CLAIMS TO THE SAHARA.

--KING HASSAN TOLD THE MOROCCAN PEOPLE THE ICJ OPIN-
ION IS A FINAL VINDICATION AND CLAIMED HE WOULD LEAD
350,000 UNARMED MOROCCANS TO REGAIN THE SAHARA PEACE-
FULLY.

--THE MOROCCAN DELEGATION TO THE UN ISSUED A PRESS
STATEMENT STRESSING THAT, IN VIEW OF THE ICJ DECISION,
FURTHER DEBATE WOULD BE UNWARRANTED.

--CONSULATE GENERAL CASABLANCA NOTES THE MILITARY HAS
BEEN STOCKPILING SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF GASOLINE

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AND CALLING UP EXPERIENCED DRIVERS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: HASSAN'S SPEECH IS NOTHING IF NOT ORIGINAL. HOWEVER, THE ICJ'S FAILURE TO FIND PROOF OF PREVIOUS MOROCCAN SOVEREIGNTY WHICH WOULD SET ASIDE THE APPLICATION OF SELF-DETERMINATION WILL GIVE MOROCCO SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

INLIGHT OF THE ICJ DECISION, EMBASSY ALGIERS BELIEVES THE ALGERIANS NOW SEE THE SITUATION DEVELOPING AS THEY WOULD LIKE. (CONFIDENTIAL) RABAT 4970; (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) 4960 (CONFIDENTIAL) CASABLANCA 798 (EXDIS); (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) ALGIERS 3117, 10/16 AND (UNCLASSIFIED) USUN 5095, 10/17.)

2. US-JAPANESE RELATIONS CAN BLOSSOM

EMBASSY TOKYO REPORTS EMPEROR HIROHITO'S VISIT WAS A TRIUMPHANT SUCCESS, RECONFIRMING THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF US-JAPANESE RELATIONS AND SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASING POPULAR SUPPORT FOR GREATER COOPERATION. THE EMBASSY NOTES:

--THERE IS A WIDESPREAD FEELING THE US IS THE MOST RELIABLE NATION JAPAN DEALS WITH AND THE CLOSEST IN TERMS OF IDENTITY OF OUTLOOK.

--WHILE JAPANESE ATTITUDES WILL NOT CHANGE OVERNIGHT ON MANY QUESTIONS IMPORTANT TO US, CONTINUATION OF FULL AND FRANK CONSULTATIONS WILL HAVE A CONCRETE EFFECT.

THE EMBASSY ALSO PREDICTS PRIME MINISTER MIKI WILL SEEK TO RECONFIRM HIS LEADERSHIP BY CALLING FOR ELECTIONS IN JANUARY 1976. FACTORS FAVORING EARLY ELECTIONS INCLUDE MIKI'S DESIRE TO CAPITALIZE ON HIS NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE AT THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL PRESSURES ARISING FROM NEW ELECTION LAWS. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 14698 AND 14751, 10/16.)

3. UK/EC DISPUTE COULD TORPEDO PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE

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A GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE INDICATED TO EMBASSY BONN THAT CALLAGHAN'S INSISTENCE ON A SEPARATE SEAT AT THE CONFERENCE MIGHT CAUSE THE DIALOGUE TO FLOUNDER "IF THE BRITISH TRIED TO BULLDOZE THEIR WAY." HE STRESSED:

--THE FRG STRONGLY FAVORS MAINTAINING THE CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP AT 27.

--CALLAGHAN IS DISREGARDING HIS PREVIOUS POSITION THAT THE UK WOULD ACCEPT COMMON REPRESENTATION IF THE EC COULD REACH COMMON POSITIONS ON ENERGY AND OTHER MATTERS, WHICH IT HAS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 16994 (EXDIS), 10/16.)

4. MRS. PERON TO VISIT THE US?

ALTHOUGH MRS. PERON RESUMED OFFICE OCTOBER 16 AND IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS A MASS RALLY TODAY, HER RETURN PROMPTS CONTINUING UNCERTAINTY AS:

--SHE IS REPORTED TO STILL BE SUFFERING FROM EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS.

--HER ACTIONS WILL BE CLOSELY WATCHED, ESPECIALLY BY THOSE MILITARY OFFICERS WHO WISH TO TAKE DIRECT ACTION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

MEANWHILE INTERIOR MINISTER ROBLEDO, THROUGH HIS DE FACTO POSITION AS PRIME MINISTER, WILL ATTEMPT TO ACTIVELY OVERSEE THE RUNNING OF THE COUNTRY. ROBLEDO TOLD A SENIOR PERONIST SENATOR THAT HE IS TRYING TO ARRANGE A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT FOR MRS. PERON AT THE UN AND AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT FORD. (SECRET) BUENOS AIRES 6898, 6907 AND 6914, 10/16.)

5. BRITISH DOWNPLAY EC CONCERN OVER US PROTECTIONISM

IN EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER RISING PROTECTIONISM ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC, FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN TOLD AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON HE WAS RAISING THE SUBJECT SO HE COULD TELL HIS EC PARTNERS HE HAD DONE SO. HE ADDED THERE
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IS A "DISPOSITION IN SOME QUARTERS" TO MAKE PROTECTIONISM A GREAT ISSUE BETWEEN THE US AND EUROPE. (SECRET) LONDON 15932 (EXDIS), 10/16.)

6. EGYPT BRACES FOR UNIVERSITY REOPENINGS

EMBASSY CAIRO REPORTS THAT OFFICIAL NERVOUSNESS ON THE EVE OF TOMORROW'S SCHEDULED REOPENING OF THE UNIVERSITIES MAY LEAD THE GOVERNMENT TO DELAY THE OPENING BELLS UNTIL OCTOBER 24. IT MAY ALSO BE CONTEMPLATING USE OF RIGHTIST AND MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD STUDENTS TO COUNTER EXPECTED MARXIST AND NASSERIST VIOLENCE, A COURSE THE EMBASSY TERMS POLITICAL DYNAMITE. (CONFIDENTIAL) CAIRO 10283 (LIMDIS), 10/15.)

7. CHINA MAY EXPORT NATURAL RESOURCES TO WEST GERMANY

CONSULATE GENERAL HONG KONG REPORTS THE PRC HAS AGREED TO DISCUSS COAL AND OIL EXPORTS TO WEST GERMANY. IT MAY ALSO ACCEPT A NEW PAYMENT POLICY UNDER WHICH MACHINERY FOR AN ENTIRE PLANT WOULD BE PAID FOR BY THE PLANT'S PRODUCTION, THUS ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR EXTENSIVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE OUTLAYS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) HONG KONG 12266, 10/16.) KISSINGER

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